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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS GET FINANCIAL BOOST
FROM DUTCH

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1. NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) CONCLUDED JANUARY 25 WITH TEN-HOUR TELETHON AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 1.4 MILLION GUILDERS (US $570,000) HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO PSP. BECAUSE OF PORTUGUESE LAW PREVENTING ONE POLITICAL PARTY FROM CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO ANOTHER, MONEY WAS ACTUALLY TURNED OVER TO ANTONIO SERGIO FOUNDATION WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS, ACCORDING TO DUTCH PRESS, "THE SPREAD
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OF SOCIALISM".

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2. DEPUTY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF DUTCH LABOR PARTY, VAN DEN BERGH, HAS TOLD US THAT FINAL TOTAL FOR PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS IS EXPECTED TO BE 1.7 OR 1.8 MILLION GUILDERS. HE SAID THAT LABOR PARTY SENT 500,000 GUILDERS TO PSP BEFORE TAKING IN ANYTHING IN "KEEP PORTUGAL FREE" CAMPAIGN. BECAUSE OF PORTUGUESE EXCHANGE LAWS, WHICH HE SAID REQUIRED REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF 40,000 GUILDERS, MONEY WAS TRANSFERRED IN 39,000 GUILDER DONATIONS. VAN DEN BERGH SAID THAT ANTONIO SERGIO FOUNDATION IS CREATION OF PORTUGUESE PSP, AND THAT SOARES SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN PUTTING MONEY TO USE OF HIS PARTY.

3. DESPITE RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN PSP, VAN DEN BERGH SAID THAT SOARES BELIEVES PSP NOW HAS SUPPORT OF 30 PERCENT OF POPULATION, WITH THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY ENJOYING ABOUT 25 PERCENT AND THE COMMUNISTS DOWN TO 10 PERCENT.
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